

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and/or listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-197. (cancelled)

198. (currently amended) The connector of claim ~~187262~~, wherein a portion of the cam system comprises roughening.

199-202. (cancelled)

203. (currently amended) The connector of claim ~~187262~~, wherein the cam system is inhibited from being removed from the first section.

204. (canceled)

205. (currently amended) The connector of claim ~~187262~~, wherein a rotational range of motion of the cam system is limited.

206. (original): The connector of claim 205, wherein the rotational range of motion is limited to less than about 360°.

207. (original): The connector of claim 205, wherein the rotational range of motion is limited to less than about 180°.

208. (original): The connector of claim 205, wherein the rotational range of motion is limited to less than about 90°.

209. (withdrawn): The connector of claim 187, further comprising a vibrational indicator that informs a user that the cam system is engaged.

210. (original): The connector of claim 187262, further comprising a visual indicator that informs a user that the cam system is engaged.

211. (previously presented): The connector of claim 210, further comprising a drive tool that activates the cam system, and wherein the visual indicator is a position of a handle of the drive tool relative to a position of the elongated member.

212. (currently amended) The connector of claim 187262, wherein the second section further comprises an opening and a second cam system, wherein the second cam system is configured to extend an engager into the opening of the second section to secure the second section to a second elongated member positioned in the opening of the second section, wherein a distance between a surface of the opening of the first section and a surface of the opening of the second section is adjustable, and wherein the fastener inhibits adjustment of the distance during use.

213. (currently amended) The connector of claim 187262, wherein the fastener comprises a setscrew.

214-261 (cancelled).

262. (previously presented): A connector for a bone stabilization system, comprising:
a first section comprising an opening, a cam system in communication with the opening, and a connecting member, wherein the opening is configured to hold an elongated member and

wherein the cam system is configured to couple the elongated member to the first section by extending an engager into the opening;

 a second section comprising a holder adapted to hold a portion of the connecting member and allow movement of the holder and connecting member relative to each other;

 a liner between the holder and the connecting member; and

 a fastener configured to inhibit movement of the connecting member and the holder relative to each other when in a first position, wherein the fastener in a second position allows the connecting member and the holder to be moved relative to each other.

263. (cancelled)

264. (original): The connector of claim 262, wherein the fastener in the second position allows rotation of a portion of the first section and a portion of the second section relative to each other.

265. (previously presented): The connector of claim 264, wherein a range of rotation of the portion of the first section relative to the portion of the second section is less than about 90°.

266. (original): The connector of claim 262, wherein the fastener in the second position allows for angulation of a portion of the first section and a portion of the second section relative to each other.

267. (original): The connector of claim 266, wherein a range of angulation of the portion of the first section and the portion of the second section relative to each other is less than about 30°.

268. (previously presented): The connector of claim 267, wherein a lower limit of the range of angulation of the portion of the first section and the portion of the second section relative to each other is about 0°.

269. (previously presented): The connector of claim 267, wherein a lower limit of the range of angulation of the portion of the first section and the portion of the second section relative to each other is greater than 0°.

270-282. (cancelled)